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SUBJECT: INSTRUCTION: JOIN CONSENSUS ON UNGA 3C RESOLUTION  
WORLD SUMMIT FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

REF: 16NOV09 DRAFT RESOLUTION "IMPLEMENTATION OF THE  
OUTCOME OF THE WORLD SUMMIT FOR SOCIAL  
DEVELOPMENT AND OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH  
SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY"

11. ACTION REQUEST

1A. If the text of OP4bis and OP5 of the final  
resolution remains as in REF, the Department authorizes USDEL  
to join consensus, provided that the entire resolution text  
does not change significantly from the wording contained in  
REF to negatively affect vital U.S. interests.

1B. If the text of the final resolution includes the  
following revised OP5, replacing OP4bis and OP5 in REF, the  
Department authorizes USDEL to join consensus, provided that  
the remaining resolution text does not change significantly  
from the wording contained in REF to negatively affect vital  
U.S. interests, and to deliver the following EOP:

BEGIN REVISED TEXT OF OP5

Expresses deep concern that the world financial and economic  
crisis, world food and energy crisis, and continuing food  
insecurity, and climate change, as well as the lack of  
results so far in the multilateral trade negotiations and a  
loss of confidence in the economic system, have negative  
implications for social development, in particular for the  
achievement of poverty eradication, full and productive  
employment and decent work for all, and social integration.

END REVISED TEXT OF OP5

BEGIN EOP POINTS

--The United States is pleased to join consensus on this  
resolution, but we regret that it does not strike a better  
balance in its analysis of the relative impact of external  
and internal factors on sustainable development.

--The international community has long recognized the  
principle that the primary responsibility for social and  
economic development rests with national governments.  
Numerous UN resolutions, including this one, have  
acknowledged it. External factors such as crises or oil  
shocks can certainly affect countries' development, sometimes  
positively, sometimes negatively. But in the long run a  
national government's domestic policies matter more. Whether  
these policies respond to the aspirations of ordinary  
citizens, provide them opportunities, and address their  
needs, can have a decisive impact on a country's prospects  
for achieving sustainable social and economic development.

--We hope that next year's resolution will deal with these  
complex issues in a more balanced manner.

Thank you.

END EOP POINTS.  
CLINTON